



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Heath et al	Examiner:	M.P. Allen
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Title:	COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION METHOD AND APPARATUS		

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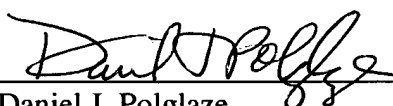
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2001, said period of response being extended from January 11, 2002 to March 11, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

Respectfully submitted,

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